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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 1 with the following amended paragraph:

-- The present application is a National Stage of International Application No. PCT/US03/09702, filed March 31, 2003, which claims priority from U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/368,525, filed April 1, 2002, and titled "Linear Generator/Motor." The present application also claims priority from International Application No. PCT/US02/03220, filed February 6, 2002, which claims priority from U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/267,500, filed February 8, 2001, and entitled "Variable Stroke/Clearance Mechanism", the entire contents of the prior applications are incorporated herein by reference. This application is also a continuation-in-part of U.S. application serial no. 11/150,476, filed June 13, 2005. --